

# CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER FACT SHEET

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The City of Stockton will be conducting an election on March 2, 2004 for **Mayor** and **three (3) Council District Seats**:

## District #2

## District #4

## District #6

- **Candidate Filing Period:** Opens November 10, 2003 at 8:00 a.m. and closes December 5, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. If an incumbent fails to file by December 5, 2003 at 5:00 p.m., voters have until December 10, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. to nominate candidates other than the incumbent.  
Note: Due to term limits, there are no eligible incumbents in this election.
- **Filing Fees:** There is a non-refundable filing fee of \$25. In addition, there is a charge to have a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications printed in the sample ballot. The costs for Mayor are approximated at \$3320 (English and Spanish versions) and for Councilmember are approximated at \$900 (English and Spanish versions). All fees are due at the time of filing. **Note: The aforementioned costs are for the March 2004 Primary Election only; there will be additional costs for the November 2004 General Election.**
- **Requirements:**
  - Must reside in and be a qualified elector (registered voter) of the district from which nominated and elected, for a period of not less than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of the nomination papers.
  - Must reside in the district during term of office. Any member moving from said district during the term shall automatically forfeit office.
  - Shall not hold any other City office or City employment during the term for which he or she is elected to the Council.
  - Must declare under oath to accept the office in the event of election, and to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and of the State of California.

- **Council District Maps:** May be purchased from the City Clerk's office. The cost for a small map is \$6.10. The large map is \$12.00
- **Salary:** Councilmember: \$1,750/mo Mayor: \$5,784/mo
- **Term:** Four (4) years beginning January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008.
- **Term Limits:** No more than two (2) terms as Mayor or Councilmember. However, service prior to January 1, 1989 does not disqualify any person for further service.
- **Voter Registration Deadline:** February 17, 2004 is the last day to register to vote in the March 2, 2004 Primary Election.
- **Campaigning can begin prior to filing for candidacy. However, Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement must be filed before the solicitation or receipt of any contribution or loan, which will be used for campaign-related expenses, as required by the Fair Political Practices Commission.**
- **Placement of political signs in residential zones is allowed only upon the filing of official papers for candidacy.**
- **Should you decide to become a candidate, contact the City Clerk's office at (209) 937-8459 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to obtain an appointment to receive a packet of necessary forms and instructions; please allow 45 minutes to an hour to review the forms and receive instructions on the process. The packet will be available beginning July 1, 2003, though some of the official nomination forms, i.e., the petition, will not be available until November 10, 2003.**